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**ALFRED J. McCOURTNEY COURT**

In response to an increase in the number of dependency cases in the Antelope Valley, the Los Angeles Superior Court is opening additional dependency courtrooms in the existing Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center (McCourtney). The Superior Court is going to moved two delinquency courtrooms from McCourtney to the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse to create space for dependency needs.

The Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers (LADL) and the Children's Law Center (CLC) are the non-profit organizations which represent the parents and children respectively in juvenile dependency proceedings. Both organizations are essential to courthouse operations and have reached out to the County with interest in vacant onsite space to facilitate their engagement with the children and families they serve, especially in light of increasing caseload and courtroom needs.

In addition, the County should enhance access to and availability of resources such as mental health services, substance abuse treatment programs, and social service programs for families and children who are part of the dependency system.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office or her designee to negotiate a five-year lease with each of the two non-profit organizations for available County space at McCourtney; utilizing space previously vacated by the Registrar-Recorder and space to-be vacated by the Alternate Public Defender with the move of the delinquency courtrooms to the Michael D. Antonovich Courthouse. The lease terms should be gratis leases with the condition that both organizations fully fund their own office renovations, upon County approval of proposed design.

Authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute the lease and other ancillary documentation necessary to effectuate the lease, and to take any other actions necessary and appropriate to implement and effectuate the lease.

2. Direct the Chief Executive Office and Internal Services Department to develop the plans to convert existing space into a resource center inside McCourtney, in a location that is mutually acceptable to both the Judicial Council of California and the County.

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